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Dr. McDowell Passes; Mourned By Many In Northfield

Dr. John McDowell, friend of Dwight L. Moody, graduate of Mount Hermon, chairman of the Moody Centenary committee which this year held its observances, died last Saturday night at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical center in New York following an operation. He had entered the hospital on November 3. He was 67 years of age.

Dr. McDowell spent much of his time in Northfield at the various conferences during the past summer and at its close was a guest at the Northfield hotel for some time. Dr. McDowell came to this country from Scotland with his parents in 1870 when he was two years old. His father was a coal miner in Pennsylvania and when the young boy was eight, he found work as a "breaker-boy" at the mines and at eleven became a mule driver. At fourteen he was injured in an accident and lost his arm. After this the way was opened to him to become a student at Hermon and after graduation went to Princeton and thence to the Theological seminary. He worked his way through all institutions.

His first pastorate was at Steelton, Pa., the location of the great steel mills and here it was that he became so vitally interested in the cause of the laboring man. Other pastorates were at Newark, N. J., Baltimore, Md., and then religious work director of the War Work Council in the East, and then a secretary of the Board of Home Missions. In 1923 he became a secretary of the Board of National Missions. In 1933 he was chosen as Moderator of the Presbyterian church, the highest gift that can be given by that denomination.

From 1916 to 1931 Dr. McDowell served on the board of trustees of Princeton Theological seminary, and from 1921 to 1931 was secretary of the board. In 1909 he was appointed by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church as chairman of the committee which drafted the "social creed" of the Presbyterian church.

Among other positions of ecclesiastical responsibility which Dr. McDowell occupied were: President of the Ministerial association and Moderator of the New Jersey Presbytery, president of New York of Presbyterian and Reformed churches, one of the nine investigators of the 1920 steel strike, president of the Home Mission Council of the U. S. and Canada and lecturer at the Northfield Conferences.

He was made a Doctor of Divinity in 1915 by the College of Wooster, an honor also conferred upon him the following year by Princeton university. Occidental college, Los Angeles, made him Doctor of Laws in 1932.

Dr. McDowell was an extensive writer, his papers appearing in many of the leading church publications. He also had written the following books: "D. L. Moody, the Discoverer of Men and Maker of Movements," "The Christian Spirit in Industry," "The Fellowship of Toil" and "Christian Essentials." He also wrote several pamphlets on social and industrial problems.

In 1897 Dr. McDowell married Miss Minnie M. Fowler. Theirs was a Northfield romance, the former Miss Fowler having been a student at the Northfield seminary while Dr. McDowell was at Mount Hermon.

Their only child, a daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Cory, lives at Short Hills, N. J. She has four children. A brother of Dr. McDowell, Samuel, is pastor of a Presbyterian church in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Dr. McDowell helped in the schooling of his brother for the ministry. A sister, Miss

It's A Big Show; What A Variety Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday evening will be a gala time at the town hall when the curtain goes up on the Northfield Athletic association's variety show. Additional talent has been found for the event and those in charge say the show is "going to town." A well-known ventriloquist is going to be there with his mysterious partner to provide laughs and may be tears. An artist on the zither has recently landed in these parts from Europe and will entertain the crowd. He is Julius Wahl of the Youth Hostel. And the White brothers, Bob and Herb, have tuned their instruments and added pep and power to their music.

In each of the grammar schools seventh grade students are trying out tongue-twisters so that they will be there at the finish to claim the prizes for themselves and the glory for their school. The committee announces that this will be a real old-fashioned spelling bee, with the next boy or girl spelling the word if it is missed by anyone. A time-limit has been placed upon the event which will be concluded in 30 minutes even if Mel Glazier has to dig up tongue-twisters to stop it.

And the street interviews—they will cap the climax of the evening. No one knows who will be interviewed, but it will be all the more fun. Lester P. White is working on the questions and Donald Finch is preparing the "street" with the most modern appliances.

You will find out a lot about what people don't know as well as some of their ideas on current topics. The questions will include everything from baseball record egg-laying hens, the size of whales and the opinions on the latest cars to an attempt to discover what love is, why the price of pork has gone up and whether Curley should have given Northfield more sidewalks. The sky is the limit, but it will all be done in fun and no one will be embarrassed, the committee says. Just the same, lots of people are studying their encyclopedias these days so that they won't get caught.

Flash—as this article is being written two important messages come in. Dunning Simmons, who is said to rival Major Bowes, will be in charge of the amateur contest in which lovely Laverne Langille, cute Janet Kehl, violinist Winona Robbins, Ralph Barrows, Dick Shattuck, and Joseph Zabko will be among those trying for the first prize of a genuine silver dollar. Half of that sum will be second prize and a box of stationery with the winner's name printed on it will go to the third most popular contestant. Similar prizes will be awarded for the spelling bee. And all who take part in the street interviews will receive shaving cream or face powder to cover their confusion.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Do you know God? Let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

—Jeremiah 9:24

Margaret McDowell of New York, also survives.

Dr. McDowell's residence was in East Orange, N. J. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Park Presbyterian church in Newark, N. J., attended by many friends and officials of the various churches and their organizations. The Northfield schools were represented in the groups present.

Dr. McDowell was a real friend to Northfield interests and his death is deeply regretted.

Badger Abduction May Be Matter For The Federal Courts

The case of Herbert L. Badger of Walpole, charged with abduction of 14-year-old Elizabeth Bayley of Westwood from the Christian Endeavor conference at Northfield last summer, may not be tried in superior court here.

Dist. Atty. David H. Keedy moved in court last Monday for a continuance until Nov. 23 in order that a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Boston might hear the case. In moving for a continuance of the case, Keedy characterized the offense, in which Badger is alleged to have taken the conference delegate from Westwood to Florida as more of a federal than a state matter.

"There is some question,"

Keedy said, "under the state law, when the female went with her own consent."

Pending the findings of the federal grand jury the case is therefore continued. Badger pleaded "not guilty" to the charge following his indictment. Word was received in Northfield Wednesday that the federal grand jury in session at Boston had indicted Herbert L. Badger on charges of transporting a 14-year-old girl from Northfield to Jacksonville, Fla. After the indictment was issued Judge Hugh D. McLellan of the Federal court issued a warrant for his arrest. He will be tried before a Federal court.

It Is Book Week At The Seminary

Talcott library was pleasantly crowded last Sunday afternoon when Professor Lewis Knapp of the Williams college English department read selections from Edna St. Vincent Millay's poetry. Mr. Knapp gave a brief biographical sketch of Miss Millay before he read in which he said that although she was a child of the 20th century, Edna St. Vincent Millay's ideas and thoughts were 16th or 17th century and her dislike of the haste and speed of modern life accounts for the melancholy of many of her poems. Tea was served by members of the library committee.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Titcomb of the Seminary faculty read selections from the current play, "Tovaritch." Other members of the faculty read from the new books on various afternoons throughout the week, and tomorrow afternoon Countess Alexandra Tolstoy will speak, after which "Book Week" will be officially over and the girls may borrow the new books which have been on display.

Plan To Attend The Westminster Chorus

The Westminster Chorus which is to be heard in the Auditorium on Saturday evening, Nov. 27 at 8 o'clock carries the banner for American music. Dr. Williamson always features in his programs the work of American composers, and during the recent European tour of the Chorus great interest in American music was manifested by continental audiences. Roy Harris' "Song for Occupations," an extremely difficult and racy American work, which is included in the program to be sung in Northfield, created a furore in Russia where it was cheered by packed houses. The Negro "spirituals" and Stephen C. Foster were keenly enjoyed, and Indian music and traditional cowboy songs were listened to with great curiosity.

The chorus sings a capella and entirely from memory a repertoire which includes an enormous number of classic and popular selections. Dr. Williamson's singers are creating an entirely new type of vocal music by using principles of symphony, and they are unrivalled in the field of symphonic singing.

Red Cross Appeal Now In Full Swing For Memberships

Response to the summons given our citizens to enroll in the American Red Cross is meeting with gratifying success and the workers of the local committee headed by A. P. Fitt are busy every day making their visits and leaving the cards of affiliation and the Red Cross emblem for display. The committee are gratified with the results thus far achieved and are hopeful that the contributed monies will equal if not exceed that of the previous years. Mr. Fitt has asked Leon R. Alexander to again serve as treasurer and clerk for the committee and reports may be left with him as well as any contributions from those not already reached by the committee. The first response has been received from some of our out-of-town friends from Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn who are now in Orlando, Fla., and from Mrs. C. P. Buffum who is also in the south. Other contributions will probably follow these. The canvass will continue through Thanksgiving day.

Those of the committee who are now busily engaged are: Mrs. L. R. Alexander, Mrs. Sidney Given, Mrs. Edward Barber, Mrs. George H. Foster, Miss Helen Handy, Mrs. Cortland Finch, Miss Gladys Ellithorpe, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. Philip Porter, Mrs. Dean Williams, Mrs. Gladys Shattuck, Mrs. Robert Abbott, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Miss Ida Sheldon, Miss Mary Dalton, Mrs. Willis Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Repeta, Miss Beatrice Cembalisky, Miss Elizabeth Braley and others.

Do your part NOW and let us put Northfield again in the forefront of the towns of Franklin county.

Moodys In Utah

A bit of information from Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody will be of interest to their many friends. They "arrived in Salt Lake City on the 7th last after a trip of 3075 miles, with no difficulty and with weather mostly sunny, bright and clear." The "stopped at Princeton, Ill., and the nearby town of Dover, which was Mrs. Moody's childhood home for several days." They "also spent a night at Chapman, Kansas with Herbert Stone formerly assistant manager of the Northfield Hotel, and where they read last week's copy of the Press." At Topeka they attended a luncheon with a group of former Seminary and Hermon students and also met others at Kansas City. At one of these Mr. Moody met Will Vining who was a student at Hermon in the early days a brother of Miss Vining, so long a resident of Northfield. Mr. Moody and Mr. Vining had not seen each other for fifty years and they had much to talk about of the memories of the early days. Mr. and Mrs. Moody will remain at Salt Lake City for an indefinite stay.

The Jobless Census

Through the cooperation of the post offices and the postmasters the census of the unemployed is being taken this week. Every home has received a statement of purpose and a questionnaire to be filled out and returned. The cooperation of the citizens of Northfield is requested and those persons who are without employment and who will and would work if an opportunity is provided should carefully answer all questions on the blank and return it in the mails, no postage being required.

The information given is to be treated in every way as confidential without further use by the Washington authorities, other than to furnish the President and Congress a true picture of the number and kinds of people needing employment, that they may better and more intelligently provide for their needs and requirements.

Any person not having received a blank should inform their postmaster at once.

Church Choir Bazaar

The Choir of the Trinitarian Congregational church is sponsoring a bazaar to be held in the church vestry on December 7, beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Various booth of fancy articles, candy, mystery boxes, white elephants, aprons, food will be on sale. A silver tea will be an added attraction during the afternoon. In the evening a short play will be given. This is a good opportunity for purchasing your Christmas gifts. Watch the Press each week for further developments.

Central Vermont Has New Traffic Line Officials

The transportation department of the Central Vermont railroad which serves Northfield is being re-organized and H. A. Carson the general manager announces that the position of Superintendent at New London would be consolidated with that of St. Albans. T. W. Prior of St. Albans, assistant superintendent for the past eight years, was promoted to superintendent with system jurisdiction.

R. E. Chesney, general agent at Rouses Point, N. Y., was appointed assistant superintendent with office at New London while C. C. Clark, transportation inspector at St. Albans, was appointed assistant superintendent with office at White River Junction. J. E. Simpson, chief clerk, superintendent's office, New London, was promoted to transportation inspector, with system jurisdiction and office in St. Albans. A. L. Charron, who has been chief clerk in the divisional superintendent's office at St. Albans, has been named chief clerk in the office of the system superintendent.



T. W. Prior

T. W. Prior of St. Albans, the new superintendent with system jurisdiction, entered railway service in March, 1906 as a messenger boy. In December of that year he was promoted to telegraph operator and until December, 1909, was stationed at various points along the Central Vermont. He then entered Vermont Business college and returned to work as an operator in April, 1911.

In October 1912, he was promoted to train dispatcher and November 1920, was appointed night chief dispatcher. He was promoted to trainmaster on the Central Vermont's northern division in January of 1925, promoted to assistant superintendent in January 1929.



Ray E. Chesney

Ray E. Chesney, general agent of the Central Vermont railway at Rouses Point, is assistant superintendent with headquarters at New London, and with jurisdiction over lines between New London and Brattleboro.

Mr. Chesney was born in Westmore, Vt., April 12, 1885, has been Central Vermont agent at Rouses Point the past year and a half. His railway service has included duty in the operating maintenance, and motive power departments since he was 16 years old when he secured his first job in the bridge and building department of the Grand Trunk railway at Richmond, Que. He comes from a railway family, his father, the late A. J. Chesney, being bridge and building supervisor at Island Pond for Grand Trunk New England lines for many years.

Both these officials will visit Northfield to survey the properties of the Central Vermont railroad located here.

Skiing's The Sport; Early Winter Hopes Given Publicity

Skiing is the great winter sport and its friends and enthusiasts are now getting their equipment in good condition and checking up on the most inviting trails wherever located. New England of course is the best skiing country in the east and to New England will come the merry throngs for an exhilarating vacation amidst the deep snows of the forest. It seems like a little early to be talking about the sport now for no snow has



fallen, yet the various communities having ski trails are alert. Outing clubs are making their arrangements to entertain members and guests and wide-awake hotels are advertising their comforts and attractions. An advertisement of a hotel in a New York paper recently announces the season's opening of its conveniences for winter sports on Nov. 15. Outing clubs are holding meetings and arranging for tournaments as well as other ski events. Stores are advertising equipment and it is said that manufacturers will fall far short to supply the ever increasing demand for equipment. Lucky is that person who desires to enjoy the sport to have in complete readiness the equipment for the first opportunity.

The jumps and trails of Brattleboro, Greenfield and Northfield (Mt. Grace) are being publicized as well as those places in the Berkshires and throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. The penthouse on Greylock mountain, 3505 feet above sea level will be open to sport lovers this winter and it is announced will be in charge of Harrison L. Lasuer.

Northfield situated in the center of the area of many trails and with good hotel accommodations ought to be the mecca of winter sport enthusiasts this season. There ought to be some definite organization of the sport hereabouts.

The management of the Northfield hotel has accomplished much in the way of offering ski trails, both for the amateur and the professional but this ought now be supplemented by the active effort of a local constituency.

Students at both Mount Hermon and the Seminary make up a large group of enthusiasts and they have found recreation and health in winter sports. Let us all get interested—winter may come and go and it may prove all together too short for the pleasure on clean snow and ice in invigorating air—with toboggan, snow-shoes or skis.

Crossnore Appeals

In the last bulletin issued by Crossnore school in the mountains of North Carolina, an appeal for aid is made to its friends. Every year for several years a large box, or two, has been shipped from Northfield containing old clothes, books, fancy articles, etc., for their industrial department. After these articles are renewed they are sold for the needed things required for the school in feeding, clothing, and teaching the children as well as providing medical care for the district. Mrs. Hochm expect to ship the boxes to Crossnore within another week and will be glad to include any further contributions which our readers may make. Please act promptly and advise by telephone 166-2 of your cooperation. Packages will be called for.

Special Services

A series of inspirational services will be held at No. 4 schoolhouse, Northfield Farms, to which all are invited. Miss Elizabeth M. Evans, of Boston, Bible teacher, will speak every evening at 7:30 o'clock, except Saturday, from Nov. 18 to Nov. 28. Her subject will be "Great Essentials of Christian Life." Sunday service at 2:30 and 6:45. at hand.

Maximum Penalty Given To Monroe By Court Judge

"The public must be protected as well as the guilty punished," said Judge Thomas J. Hammond in Superior court last Monday in sentencing Clifford E. Monroe, Jr., age 23, of Winchester, N. H., to "states prison for the term of his natural life." Young Monroe was charged with committing rape upon a young teacher of the Seminary on October 18.

Monroe, a slight youth, stood with folded arms and bowed head as Judge Hammond delivered the maximum penalty for the crime to which he had pleaded guilty the week previous.

His father, recently decorated for heroism, left the room as soon as Clerk Hugh E. Adams read the formal sentence. A few moments before he had stood on the witness stand, telling Judge Hammond, "I believe in law and order; he is guilty, and should be punished, but I still have faith in him and always shall."

But neither the father's words, nor the actions of the defendant following his arrest which relieved some of the publicity for his victim, made up for the crime, which was characterized as including assault with a dangerous weapon, unlawfully carrying a revolver, and kidnapping in addition to the stated offense of rape.

"It is hard to imagine," Judge Hammond said, "any set of circumstances making a stronger demand for the maximum penalty. It must be imposed as a warning to others and as punishment for him."

Dist. Atty. David H. Keedy, had recounted the story of the offense committed, on a victim 25 years of age, a college graduate, a teacher by profession and unmarried. He said, "the crime showed terrorism and cruelty. It was rape at the point of a gun. After waiting for his prey he forced her into her car and compelled her to drive away to a lonely road. There he stripped her from all of her clothes and in the back seat of the automobile raped her." He then told of how she had promised to meet Monroe there again, but instead had told Miss Wilson and notified State police.

He described how State Trooper Michael W. McCarthy in woman's clothing had impersonated the teacher, and how Monroe had been captured after a fusillade of shots had been fired at his fleeing car.

"I plead guilty and lay myself open to the mercy of the court," said young Monroe, from the prisoner's cage where he had been standing ever since his name was first called, and where he remained standing until he was taken from the court room by deputy sheriffs. The State mental examiner had reported to the court that Monroe was "intellectually and mentally responsible."

Wins Many Awards For Bantam Display

At the showing of the N. E. Poultry association held in Greenfield Tuesday, Brainard Willey of Northfield has again captured several first, second and third prizes for his showing of the bantams which he has heretofore displayed at several fairs in and out of Massachusetts and at the Springfield Exposition.

Mr. Willey is now regularly employed at the East Northfield post office but his spare time is occupied with diligent attention to his birds. He has in his flock, black Cochins, Golden Sebrights, and white Polish bantams, and they are certainly beauties. Mr. Brainard must have in his collection now enough prize ribbons to completely cover the side wall of any room.

Thunder and Lightning

During the evenings of the past week-end the moon when visible seemed to be surrounded with an imposed layer of fringe representing many varied colors and all in a hazy atmosphere. It seemed unusual. Many have wondered. Following days came high winds and storm, both very severe. Newspapers gave accounts of heavy storm at sea and the lashing of the coast line. But the climax came on Monday late afternoon when heavy rains poured torrents and the peal of thunder in continued roll and the flashing of lightning was witnessed. And all this on Nov. 15. Perhaps with colder weather the first snow storm may be at hand.

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LOCALS

The book, "Moody Still Lives" by our fellow townsman, A. P. Flitt has been translated into the Swedish language and has just been issued from the press at Upsala, Sweden.

Meetings are being held this month in the interest of the Moody Centenary celebration under the auspices of the Moody Bible Institute in California, Arizona and Texas.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 1 held its meeting Tuesday with a court of honor, with Barbara Harris, treasurer, and Frances Eddy scribe. The patrols took their stations and Ruth Rikert and Genevieve Wozniak brought up the discussion. Capt. Thompson with the tenderfoot members worked on their test and Lieut. Potts gave the other girls the signaling.

Don't forget to attend the Senior class play in town hall tonight, Friday, if you were not present last night. "Welcome to Our City" was well rendered and afforded a full evening's entertainment. The young folks taking the various parts acquitted themselves at its premiere showing in most excellent fashion. The profits go to the Washington trip expense fund.

Charles Olds and John Plotczyk who are taking the hotel course at Amherst are attending the Hotel show in New York this week.

Surveyors have been for many days working along the banks of the Connecticut river charting its shore, inlets, etc., and securing all information necessary for use by the various committees on flood control. Last week they have been along the river here.

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed with the assistance of the teachers of the grammar school grades are busily engaged in preparing a program for the Christmas season in town hall on the afternoon of Dec. 16.

Dr. Charles R. Brown dean emeritus of the Yale Divinity school will be the preacher at Mt. Hermon church next Sunday, both morning and at vespers.

Mt. Hermon students are organizing a large choir which will take the place of the former Glee club. There are 27 members of the new organization.

The State Department of Public Works has issued its November first map of the State showing all highways and their condition for motoring. A copy of the same has been left at Spencer Bros. garage for public use.

The pictures at the Dickinson library have been neatly labeled with an explanatory card thru the courtesy of H. A. Lewis.

Several local business men were guests of the Brattleboro Chamber of Commerce at their dinner meeting at the Brooks hotel last Tuesday evening.

W. J. Clarke who resides with his family in the Askren house and is Supt. of road construction for Hosmer & Co. has finished his work on the Warwick highway in North Orange and is now in charge of the Colrain road improvement.

The 12th Lodge of Instruction for this Masonic district will be held next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock with Mechanics Lodge at Turners Falls.

The first of a series of games of basketball was played by the Northfield team with the Glassine team at Monroe last Friday night. The Northfield team was defeated by a score of 25-18. Players on the local team were Buftum, Sparrow, Polhemus, Martin and Kratz. The Northfield second team were also defeated by the Glassine second team by a score of 18-16. Players in the second game were Griswold, Amaden, French, Forsythe, Streeter, Jilison and Cook.

The Northfield pinocle club of Masonic members defeated the Hinsdale brethren in a match game last Friday evening at the Masonic hall on Parker street.

Greenfield stores will be open every evening until nine o'clock for Christmas shopping beginning Monday, December 20.

The Northfield bowling team defeated South Deerfield last week in a score of 4-0. Ware tops the loop triplets with 326. Dunneff made a good initial showing with 124 but slipped in the second string. His total is 299 and Gings has a record of 306.

Mrs. Herbert Buftum formerly of South Vernon has presented to the Gill library the collection of Chinese articles gathered by her uncle Rev. Chauncey Goodrich, who for many years was a missionary in China. The collection is given in memory of her late husband. They will be exhibited at the library Saturday.

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Arthur S. Atwood, formerly of Northfield and Mrs. Hattie J. Aldrich, both of Hinsdale, N. H. were married Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the parsonage of the Rev. J. A. Haines in Hinsdale. Only a few attendants were present. After a wedding trip they will reside on Todd Hill. Mr. Atwood is a salesman with the Granite State Mower. Mrs. Aldrich is the widow of the late E. Valmore Aldrich and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Mason.

Win Awards

Two Franklin county boys, Arthur Bolton, Jr., of W. Northfield and Fred Pelsner of Gill have been awarded a tour of eastern Massachusetts for their outstanding work in the dairy projects by the vocational agricultural school of livestock judging at the State college in Amherst last week. The tour included a visit to the Malden dairy feed plant and experimental laboratory and was in charge of James P. Edney the county 4-H club agent.

*Installed as New Alumni Head.



ALAN McLEAN (right), of Collingwood, Ont., a student at the General Motors Institute of Technology and newly elected president of the Fisher Body Craftsmen's Guild alumni, receives the badge of office from Howard Jennings, retiring head of the organization formed by the 53 youths who have won scholarships in the model-building competitions sponsored by the Guild, a General Motors educational foundation. Jennings, whose home is in Denver, was graduated from the University of Colorado this year, and is now employed by the body-building division of the automotive concern.

President's Birthday Will Be Celebrated

The birthday of President Franklin Deleano Roosevelt will be observed throughout the country with a celebration on Saturday, January 29, 1938 and committees are to be appointed in the various communities to arrange some affair, probably a ball, in order that funds may be raised to create a National Foundation to fight infantile paralysis. The new National Foundation will have as trustees between thirty and forty eminent men, geographically located so as to give representation on this board to all sections of the country. The personnel of this Foundation will be announced by the President, probably on Thanksgiving Day, at his annual dinner at Warm Springs, Ga.

The executive committee of this year's observance consists of Keith Morgan, chairman, Edsel B. Ford, Marshall Field, Walter J. Cummings, George E. Allen, Fred J. Fisher, W. Averell Harriman, S. Clay Williams.

All the proceeds will go to the National Foundation. In a declared statement authorizing the celebration the President says:

"This Foundation will lead, direct, and unify the fight on every phase of this sickness. It will make every effort to ensure that every responsible research agency in this country is adequately financed to carry on investigations into the cause of infantile paralysis and the methods by which it may be prevented. It will endeavor to eliminate much of the needless aftereffect of this disease—wreckage caused by the failure to make early and accurate diagnosis of its presence. We all know that improper care during the acute stage of this disease, and the use of antiquated treatment, or downright neglect of any treatment, are the cause of thousands of crippled, twisted, powerless bodies now. Much can be done along these lines right now. The new Foundation will carry on a broad-gauged educational campaign, prepared under expert medical supervision, and this will be placed within the reach of the doctors and the hospitals of the country. The practicing

Local School Children Show Poor Hearing

The State department of Public Health gave tests to the children of the schools in ten of Franklin county's towns last year and the report which has been issued of the results of the examinations give Northfield the largest percentage of children with impaired hearing. In Northfield 324 children were tested and 60 were retested, but it left 24 children with proven defective hearing. Of the towns in which the tests were given the nearest approach to Northfield figures were in Conway where 9 were found. The towns in which the tests were given include Rowe, Shelburne, New Salem, Conway, Charlemont, Leverett, Heath, Hawley, Erving, and Northfield. Northfield's percentage is 7.4 per cent while the average is 3.64 per cent.

Youth Hostellers Enjoy A River Journey

A small group of Youth Hostellers enjoyed a trip down the river toward Turners Falls last Sunday. They occupied three fast-boats a sort of folding craft which is much used in Europe. The party had intended to go to Sunderland but the high and rough water, unfamiliarity with the stream and early darkness prevented. In the group were: Justin and Eleanor Cline of Ann Arbor, Mich., Carl Kaufhold, David Darrett, John Lohman, Merriam Lohman, all of the Northfield AYH headquarters staff, Dorothy Allen of Canada, and Ned Carter of New Jersey. The party set out from just above the Bennett Meadow bridge.

Miss Clarice Carpenter of the Home Economics department of the Seminary is taking a group of girls from the Home Furnishing classes to Deerfield on Saturday afternoon to tour the old houses. Dr. Frank L. Boyden of Deerfield academy has made ar-

physician in reality the front line fighter of the sickness, and there is much existing valuable knowledge that should be disseminated to him."

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clarke and daughter of Wanamaker road were called to Providence, R. I. last week by the death of Mrs. Clarke's sister.

Mrs. Arthur Merrill has closed her home on Birnam road and will spend the winter in Brookline.

Albert E. Roberts of the Northfield schools will address the Brotherhood of the First Methodist church, Greenfield, this Friday evening at a special dinner meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Est Providence, R. I., spent last week-end at their cottage in Mountain Park.

A son was born at the Farren Memorial hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Griswold of Pine St., East Northfield on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Mrs. F. Z. Allen of Main street has closed her home and will spend the winter quartered at the Mansion House, Greenfield.

A. A. Thresher, formerly a resident here but now of New York, paid a visit to Northfield on business last Saturday.

The Editor of the Press has been invited by the executive committee for the celebration of the President's birthday in aid of the movement to fight infantile paralysis to serve on the publishers' council.

Shelburne Grange invited the Northfield Grange members to neighbor with them at their meeting Wednesday evening and many attended the session.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright quietly observed the 28th anniversary of their marriage Wednesday. With their daughters, Miss June and Mrs. Lawrence White they enjoyed a family party.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pobbins of Northfield Farms last Friday.

A. P. Fitt has spent some time in Providence, R. I. this week in the interest of the Youth Host movement.

CHURCH SERVICES

Trinitarian Church
Rev. W. Stanley Carne

Sunday school at 10, all ages will assemble for Bible study; Thanksgiving service at 11, when the choir will sing "Unto Thee O Lord" and "O Divine Redeemer." Thanksgiving message. Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30; 6:45, Miss Evans will speak at the Farms; Senior Endeavor will meet at 7; At 8, preaching service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 3 the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class will meet with Mrs. Freeman. Leader Mrs. Giebel.

Thursday at 7:30 the weekly prayer service, followed by the choir rehearsal.

Miss Elizabeth Evans of Boston, youth leader, and Bible Teacher will be at the Farms schoolhouse from Nov. 18-28 on week nights at 7:30, Sundays at 2:30 and 6:45.

South Church

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner
Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, morning worship. A Thanksgiving service. All are cordially invited.

St. Patrick's Church
Rev. James I. Mitchell

Masses, first Sunday of the month 8:30 a. m. Every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

A Psychologist Visits Mt. Hermon School

Dr. Harry Bone, practicing psychologist of New York City, addressed the faculty of Mount Hermon school here Tuesday night in the first of a series of three visits on the experience of modern psychology in helping people to a happy and effective personality. Under the auspices of the Henry Drummond circle, Dr. Bone stressed the part of the schoolmasters in guidance. He spoke to the students of Mount Hermon in the Wednesday noon assembly.

Concerning the purpose of these three monthly visits, Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster, said that "Dr. Bone's coming is supplemental to the regular processes going forward in the school day by day, specifically the individual guidance made possible to students through the advisers, the housemasters, the medical department, the school psychiatrist, and the various functions of the church. Dr. Bone's messages are especially designed to supplement the recent emphasis at Mount Hermon on individualized education."

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That is—until THIS year.

This Thanksgiving Mother is the one who is sincerely giving thanks. In her kitchen is a beautiful new electric range—clean, cool and automatic. Getting dinner this year will be an easy, joyous task. The turkey will come out of the oven cooked to a delicious brown—and Mother will be able to sit down at the table as fresh and happy as the rest of the family.

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EDITORIAL

The bureau of home economics at Washington has made a report on a study of income in various typical American cities and Greenfield must have been included for it finds that the average family income amounts to \$1438 annually and that Greenfield belongs to only a small list of such high rating. I have read other portions of the report as furnished by the press and have come to the conclusion that it's a lot of buncombe. I only wish it were true and that the same might be said of Northfield, but from all the facts which have come to me, I think there are far more families living on less than \$1438 than there are having that income. The knowledge is of no value anyway except to give a mass of investigators a good easy job.

By the time this sees print, the special Congressional session will be under way. Chances are that the session will run into January, when the regular session begins.

There will be bitterly opposed views involving both of the special session's objectives — farm aid and wages and hours legislation. The Administration wants a farm plan that will embrace crop control in some form.

Wages and hours will cause even more talk. Administration plan would set up a board with powers to fix wages and hours for all industry, within certain limits. However, the board's other powers would be so great that some think it would be a virtual czar over industry, and a great many congressmen oppose the plan for that reason.

The Back Yard Gardener

Traveling along the highways and byways this past summer and fall I noticed forest areas pretty well stripped by the gypsy moth—more than usual, I thought. And for once I was right, because according to reports the mild winter didn't kill off so many as usual.

According to Mr. Bourne at the State college—he's an insect specialist—there isn't anything in the way of control measures that will yet replace crescenting the egg masses, at least for the average individual.

The best way of describing these egg masses is to say they are buff colored felt. At least they feel like felt when you feel them. And you'll find them scattered most anywhere over the tree, particularly under loose bark and on the main trunk under the main branches.

And so it's a mighty good idea if you have any woodland, to check your trees right now for egg masses, before the snow comes, because if the snow gets deep it buries the egg masses that are near the ground, and eggs under snow hatch no matter how cold the winter may be. And when you crescent, be sure you do a thorough job on each egg mass.

You'll also find that old stone walls are good places for these gypsy moths to lay their eggs and so, if you have a valuable woodlot or orchard surrounded by stone walls and you have any indication of gypsy moths, you'd better inspect your walls.

As I said before, the best way for the average person to destroy these pests is to do a little job of crescenting on the egg clusters. Don't try to scrape them off the bark, because invariably you break up the egg masses and some of the eggs will fall to the ground where they will winter over. If you cut deep enough to really cut them off from the tree, you invariably damage the bark.

Of course, there is a long time method of controlling gypsy moths, which is being developed by foresters. This is based on the fact that gypsy moths have a decided preference for certain trees. Perhaps I should say the larvae have a decided preference. And the larvae have a decided preference at different stages of their growth. In other words, the young caterpillars do not attack pine, hemlock, and spruce, while these same trees

THE COP IS GETTING CLOSER



are attacked by the larger and older caterpillars.

Species which are highly favored by caterpillars in all stages include oak, alder, gray birch, basswood, poplar, hawthorne, box elder, apple. Species not favored by any stage of the caterpillars include ash, locust, tulip, butternut, red cedar, balsam, sycamore, American holly, black walnut, and dogwood. Maple, yellow birch, black birch, elm, sassafras, black gum, hornbeam, and black cherry, and hickory are what might be called in between. They are ignored when the favorites are available.

A test plot with this idea was made between Belchertown and Amherst by the COC boys and it was a decided success. Gypsy moth infestation was very pronounced on three sides of the area, while the area itself had little or no defoliation.

So woodlot owners could use this system to good advantage, but of course it's a long time program. Where you have a woodlot of pine, it would be advisable to cut all of the hard woods and then, if the belt is surrounded by favored hard woods, cut those out.

The burlaping of trees is another method of reducing the infestation. The caterpillars get under the burlap to spin their cocoons and you can destroy them. Another way on rather choice trees, when not infested, is to attach a barrier of tanglefoot material to prevent the gypsy female from climbing up and laying eggs. You see the female moth cannot fly.

And so if we have another mild winter, I'd say that it behooves all of us folks interested in woodlands to do something to control this gypsy moth.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Sure is a raft of gassin' and talk goin' on, pro and con as you might say, about this here big business versus the little feller.

But the whole argument, it kinda looks off-center and squeaky, and is maybe just bein' stirred up so as to let some duck get himself elected to somethin' durin' the confusion.

I always figured that business is just business—like if you have somethin' like maybe a laundry and wash 100 shirts a day, it would be kind of a big job, and be bigger business then if you only washed 10 shirts.

And if you have a shirt and should send it to a little laundry and it comes home spic and span and everythin' O. K., you will stick by the feller who did the good job.

And maybe I do not savvy economics, like it is in some books or is preached around, but she seems to me as if big business is just an outfit that grew big from a small start, because it did a good job—and didn't send your shirt back with maybe half the buttons off.

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SOUTH VERNON

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Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Houghton have closed their house on Houghton Hill and returned to Brattleboro for the winter.

Mrs. George E. Tyler has gone to Cortland, N. Y. to spend the winter. She made the trip by auto to Albany with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler where at the airport she was joined by her son, Percy, and Miss Louise Tyler and made the trip to Syracuse by airplane. From Syracuse she was motored to Cortland by relatives.

Services South Vernon church, Rev. George A. Gray pastor: At 10:45, morning worship; 12:15, church school; 7:00, evening service of song and address by the pastor. Thursday evening, 7:00, mid-week service at Vernon Home.

The public on this side of the river will appreciate the completion of the new highway bridge at Nelsons Pond, which will soon be opened to travel.

Over forty people were at the Vernon Home Monday evening, despite the rain for the social and program. There were readings by Mrs. Pauline Streeter, Miss Julia Cheney, and Mrs. Nellie Stockwell. Vocal solos were by Miss Nina Gray. A duet by Rev. and Mrs. Gray. The program was well rendered and every participant received much

applause. The audience also joined in the singing of many songs led by Mr. Gray with Mrs. Gibson at the piano. Refreshments were served in the dining room of the home.

Mrs. Robert Bruce is seriously ill with pneumonia. Mr. Bruce is at home from Providence and she and the infant daughter are being cared for with a physician from Brattleboro in charge.

Just before the time for service in the Vernon chapel Tuesday evening an explosion of some kind completely wrecked the stove used for heating. It went off with a terrific blast and thoroughly frightened the caretakers, Mrs. Collier and son. Wood was being burned and to many it seemed as if an unexploded bullet had found its way into the stove with the wood.

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